House Republicans' Bill Sets Up Pipeline Battle

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WASHINGTON — House Republicans moved Friday toward a showdown with President Obama over the Keystone XL oil pipeline, which they included in their bill to extend tax relief for 160 million American workers through 2012.

Republicans said the pipeline would create jobs and had support from dozens of Democrats in Congress. And they welcomed the opportunity to split two Democratic constituencies: labor union members who stand to benefit from work on the pipeline and environmentalists, who oppose the project.

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